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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WENDT ET AL.

Examiner

ABUL K. AZAD

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to the communication filed on March 23, 2005.
2. Claims 1-15 are pending in this action. Claims 1, 9, 10 and 11 have been amended. Claims 13-15 have been newly added.
3. The applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive. For examiner's response to the applicant's arguments or comments, see the detailed discussion in the Response to the Arguments section.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hare et al. (US 6,084,638).

As per claim 1, Hare teaches, "a system for transmitting the audio signal",
comprising:

"a transmitter, transmitted audio signal" (Fig. 1, element 12, transceiver).

Hare teaches a PC, but Hare does not explicitly teach a text-to-speech converter included in the PC. However, Luther teaches a text to speech converter included in the PC (Fig. 1, element 26). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in

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the art at the time of the invention to convert text to speech, where text is obtained from different source so as to provide speech to a person to unable read text with better understanding.

As per claim 2, Hare teaches, "wherein the transmitted audio signal comprises an FM signal in the public FM band" (col. 8, lines 38-48).

As per claim 3, Hare teaches, "a receiver receiving said transmitted audio signal and converting said transmitted audio signal into audible sound" (col. 8, line 64-67).

As per claim 4, Hare teaches, "wherein said receiver comprises an FM radio" (col. 8, lines 38-48).

As per claim 5, Hare teaches, "a PC-to-TV converter having an output, said PC-to-TV converter converting said graphic/video element to a television signal and outputting said television signal at said PC-to- TV converter output" (col. 10, lines 28-54); and

"a transmitter coupled to the PC-to-TV converter output, said transmitter transmitting the output of said PC-to-TV converter as a television signal" (col. 10, lines 28-54).

As per claim 6, Hare teaches, "wherein said transmitted signal is in the public television band" (col. 9, line 53 to col. 10, line 11).

As per claim 7, Hare teaches, "a receiver receiving said transmitted television signal and converting said signal into a viewable picture" (col. 10, lines 1-11).

As per claim 8, Hare teaches, "wherein said receiver comprises a television" (col. 10, lines 1-11).

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As per claims 9-15, they are interpreted and thus rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6.

Response to Arguments

6. In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art.

7. In response to applicant's argument that to modify Hare to provide claimed invention, the test for obviousness is not whether the features of a secondary reference may be bodily incorporated into the structure of the primary reference; nor is it that the claimed invention must be expressly suggested in any one or all of the references. Rather, the test is what the combined teachings of the references would have suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981).

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Contact Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ABUL K. AZAD whose telephone number is (571) 272-7599. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RICHEMOND DORVIL can be reached on (571) 272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AK AZAD', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ABUL K. AZAD
Primary Examiner
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July 7, 2005